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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA

Project title and number:	Development of Sheep and Goat Production (GHA/72/014)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	March 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	October 1975 (Under Preparatory Assistance)
Duration:	Three years and nine months
Estimated value of the Government inputs expressed in US dollars:	$873 000 (In kind)
Estimated total UNDP contribution:	$443,200 1/
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Ghana has a grassland area of 58,000 square miles which is suitable for raising both small and large ruminants. Except for a dry period of about 4 months, grazing is available all year round. Sheep and goats are found in all the ecological zones from the sea coast in the south to the northern border.

2. In 1972 a joint Government/FAO Team undertook a study of Ghana's livestock industry - which for some time had put emphasis on poultry and pig production - with a view to assessing the prospects of developing the production of small ruminants within the broader "livestock" context. The mission's findings were that Ghanaian sheep and goat production, which is based on small-scale subsistence rearing with a very low take-off rate, is capable of rapid development through the introduction of natural pastures coupled with corresponding improvements in husbandry, disease control, provision of stock water, management of pastures and marketing.

1/ Approved up to March 1978 (See paragraph 6).

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II. The project

3. The long-term objective of the project is to increase the production of sheep and goats in Ghana with a view to satisfying the growing demand for mutton and goat meat, reduce reliance on imports and eventually achieve self-sufficiency in sheep and goat production.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) assist the Animal Husbandry Department to establish sheep and goat-breeding and multiplication ranches; (b) assist in the development of a pilot sheep production unit on an oil palm or another tree crop plantation; (c) promote development of communal village sheep and goat flock management and grazing systems ; (d) investigate the potential for follow-up investment in the small ruminant production industry; and (e) train sheep and goat production specialists, farm managers, extension officers, ranch managers, etc.

5. UNDP will provide the services of one expert (sheep and goats husbandry officer), consultants, individual fellowships and equipment.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contributions are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	208 800	(36 900)	171 900
Training	17 300	19 600	36 900
Equipment	211 800	3 000	214 800
Miscellaneous	14 600	5 000	19 600
	452 500	(9 300)	443 200

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